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MINNESOTA CORN YIELD FORECAST REACHES RECORD HIGH

The October 1 **CORN** yield is forecasted at 160.0 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels from the September 1 forecast, according to the USDA-NASS, MN Field Office. If realized, this forecasted yield will be a new record high yield for Minnesota, up 1 bushel per acre from the previous record high in 2004. Corn production is forecasted at 1.09 billion bushels, down 11.0 million bushels from September 1 and down 33.0 million bushels from last year. Updated planted acreage is 7.3 million acres and harvested acreage for grain is 6.8 million acres, resulting in a slightly lower forecast production from September 1.

**SOYBEAN** production for Minnesota is forecast at 286 million bushels, up 10.9 million bushels from the September 1 forecast and up 53 million bushels from the 2004 production. Based on October 1 conditions, the yield is forecast at 42.0 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from September 1, and up 9 bushels from the 2004 yield. Updated planted acreage is 6.9 million acres and harvested acreage is 6.8 million acres.

The **SUGARBEET** crop is estimated at 9.1 million tons, up 6 percent from September 1 but down 7 percent from 2004. Harvested acres are 466,000, up 2,000 acres from last month. Yield is estimated at 19.5 tons per acre, up 1.0 ton per acre from September 1, but down 1.4 tons per acre from last year.

This year's **DRY BEAN** production is estimated at 2.1 million hundredweight, up 81 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 1,600 pounds per acre, up 450 pounds per acre from last year.

**ALL SUNFLOWER** production is forecast at 166.8 million pounds, up 110 million pounds from 2004. Yield is forecast at 1,334 pounds per acre compared to 1,068 pounds per acre in 2004. Updated planted acreage is 135,000 while harvested acreage is 125,000.

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

**CORN** production is forecast at 10.9 billion bushels, up 2 percent from last month but 8 percent below 2004. If realized, this would be the second largest crop on record. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 146.1 bushels per acre, up 2.9 bushels from September but 14.3 bushels below last year. Forecast yields are either unchanged or higher than last month in all forecasting States, except Alabama and Mississippi. Yields are better than last year in the northern tier States but are still well below last year's record highs in the central and eastern Corn Belt. Acreage updates were made in several States and farmers now expect to harvest 74.3 million acres of corn for grain, up 15,000 acres from September and up 1 percent from 2004.

**SOYBEAN** production is forecast at 2.97 billion bushels, up 4 percent from the September forecast but 5 percent below 2004. Based on conditions as of October 1, yield is expected to average 41.6 bushels per acre, up 2.0 bushels from September but 0.6 bushel below last year's record high yield. Below-normal temperatures and adequate moisture during August and early September across most of the Corn Belt, Great Plains, and Delta were beneficial to the crop during the final stages of development. Area planted is now estimated at 72.2 million acres, down 903,000 acres from the August estimate. Area for harvest is forecast at 71.3 million acres, down 914,000 acres from September.

MINNESOTA & U.S. HARVESTED ACRES, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION

COMMODITY	2004 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2005 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2004 YIELD	2005 YIELD	2004 PRODUCTION (000)	2005 PRODUCTION (000)
MINNESOTA						
CORN (Bu)	7,050	6,800	159.0	160.0	1,120,950	1,088,000
SOYBEANS (Bu)	7,050	6,800	33.0	42.0	232,650	285,600
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	470	466	20.9	19.5	9,823	9,087
DRY BEANS 1/	100	130	1,150	1,600	1,150	2,080
SUNFLOWERS (Lb)	53	125	1,068	1,334	56,600	166,750
CANOLA (Lb)	32	50	1,500	880	48,000	44,000
ALFALFA HAY (Ton)	1,350	1,400	3.50	3.60	4,725	5,040
OTHER HAY (Ton)	650	700	1.80	2.10	1,170	1,470
UNITED STATES						
CORN (Bu)	73,632	74,333	160.4	146.1	11,807,217	10,857,440
SOYBEANS (Bu)	73,958	71,270	42.2	41.6	3,123,686	2,967,075
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	1,307	1,243	22.9	21.5	29,956	26,746
DRY BEANS 1/	1,219	1,522	1,460	1,715	17,799	26,109
SUNFLOWERS (Lb)	1,711	2,581	1,198	1,500	2,049,863	3,870,910
CANOLA (Lb)	828	1,125	1,618	1,333	1,339,530	1,499,300
ALFALFA HAY (Ton)	21,707	22,118	3.47	3.43	75,383	75,940
OTHER HAY (Ton)	40,209	39,605	2.05	1.94	82,391	76,931

1/ Yield in lb: production in cwt.